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IMA-EURO's U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart claims first prize in annual Thomas Jefferson Military Journalism Awards

HEIDELBERG, GE - An Installation Management Agency – Europe newspaper has won first place in the annual Thomas Jefferson Awards for excellence in military journalism.

“The Citizen,” produced by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, claimed first prize for tabloid-format newspapers.

The Thomas Jefferson Award is the Department of Defense’s highest accolade for military journalists and broadcasters. First place finishers from all military branches compete for the top DoD honor.

Garrison Stuttgart’s “Citizen” advanced to DoD-level competition after winning first place in Keith L. Ware competition at the IMA region level, then Army-wide.

The Stuttgart command information paper has a longstanding tradition of being one of the best in DoD. Editor Hugh McBride and his team of Terry Alejandro, Melanie Casey, Brandon Beach and Christina Castro are very proud of these achievements. This team exemplifies the professionalism and excellence of the IMA-EURO staff.

The **Thomas Jefferson Awards** Program, named after the nation's third president and author of the Declaration of Independence, recognizes military and civilian employee print and broadcast journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the Department of Defense Internal Information Program.

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Thomas Jefferson Award

The annual contest is sponsored by the American Forces Information Service and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs to stimulate and reward excellence and professionalism in military print and broadcast media.

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The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Europe (IMA-E) is one of seven regional offices created Oct. 1, 2002, as part of an Army-wide initiative to focus management of Army installations around the world under one organization. IMA-E is responsible for all facets of support for U.S. Army Soldiers and families in Europe from drivers' licenses to child care to force protection. As the landlord for all U.S. Army facilities in Europe, IMA-E is responsible for infrastructure and continuing the Army's strong commitment to environmental protection. Its higher headquarters is located in Arlington, Va.